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SUBJECT: FURTHER DETAILS ON TALKS BETWEEN NORDIC LABOR LEADERS
AND AFL-CIO

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1. LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY THORBJORN CARLSSON TELEPHONED
LABATT ON MARCH 4 TO DISCUSS TALKS BETWEEN NORDIC LABOR
DELEGATION AND AFL-CIO ON OCCASION OF RECENT EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL MEETING IN MIAMI. HE CLEARED UP CERTAIN POINTS
REGARDING FURTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN TWO SIDES THAT EMERGED
SOMEWHAT MURKILY IN LABATT'S EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH
TCO PRESIDENT BODSTROM REPORTED REFTTEL.

2. CARLSSON SAID THAT AFL-CIO'S EARLIER IDEA OF SENDING
REPS TO STOCKHOLM AND PERHAPS OTHER NORDIC CAPITALS TO
CONSULT ON ILO BEFORE JUNE CONFERENCE HAS GIVEN WAY TO MORE
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AMBITIOUS SCRIPT WITH ROLE FOR ICFTU. IT WAS AGREED WITH

AFL-CIO HOSTS, CARLSSON SAID, THAT NORDICS WOULD ASK ICFTU TO CONVENE INFORMAL MEETING WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS TO WHICH SELECTED WORKER MEMBERS OF ILO GOVERNING BODY WOULD BE INVITED. INCLUDED, OF COURSE, WOULD BE AFL-CIO WORKER MEMBER IRVING BROWN. CARLSSON ADDED THAT HE HAS ALREADY TAKEN UP PROPOSAL WITH SENIOR ICFTU OFFICIAL WHO REACTED POSITIVELY.

3. ASKED WHY NEXT NOVEMBER IS BEING CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE DATE FOR VISIT TO STOCKHOLM OF AFL-CIO DELEGATION, CARLSSON EXPLAINED IT CAME UP SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME CONSIDERING SUMMER VACATION PERIOD AND SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SWEDEN (SEPTEMBER) AND U.S.

4. CARLSSON ECHOED BODSTROM IN EXPRESSING HIS AND LO PRESIDENT GUNNAR NILSSON'S SATISFACTION WITH AFL-CIO HOSPITALITY WHICH HE TERMED "MAGNIFICENT."
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